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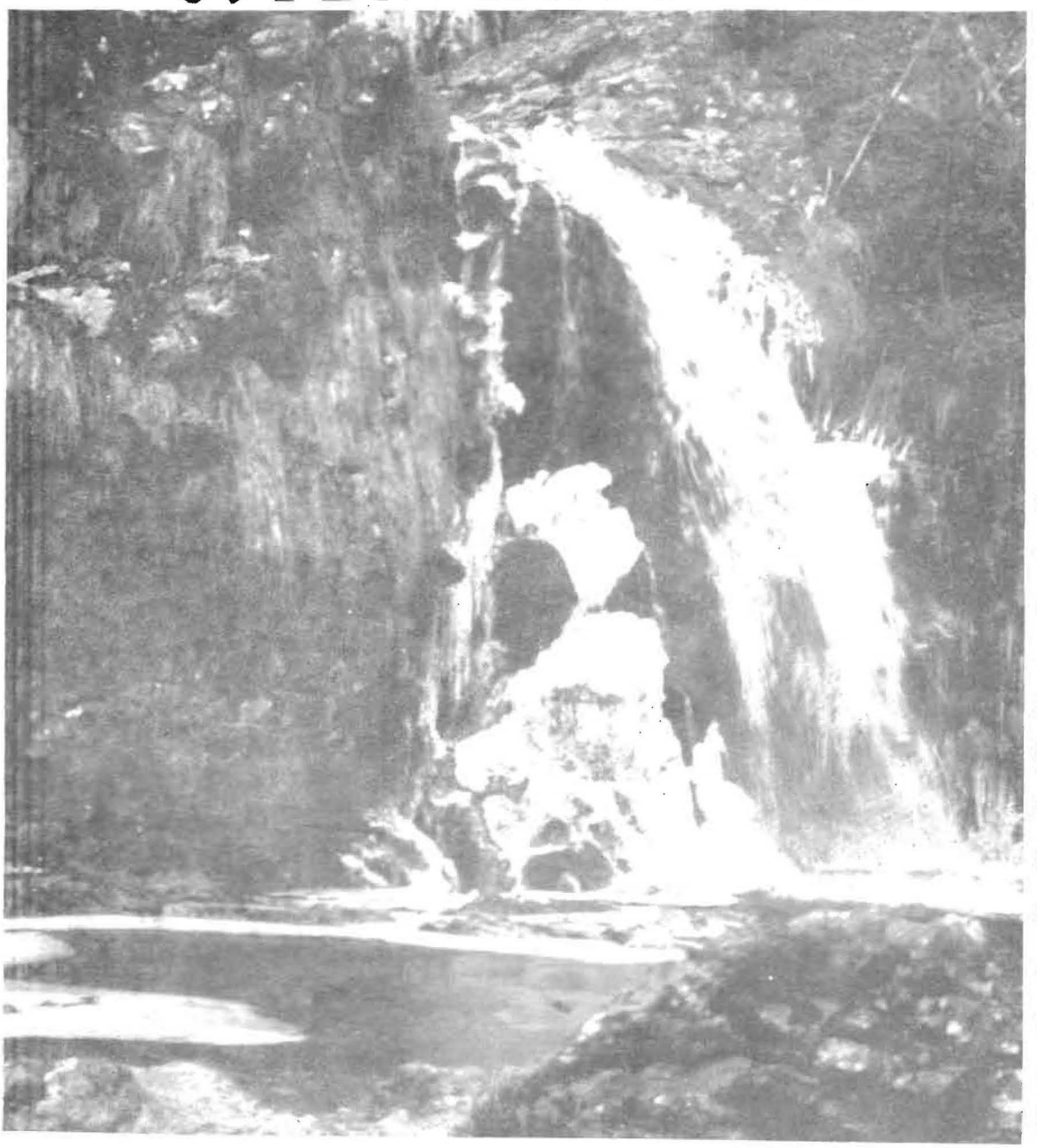

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EDITORIAL

With a great sense of joy and pride we offer our first parish magazine 'The Waterfall'. We have tried to draw together many of the various threads of activity which make up the fabric of life in the half-parish of Tourmakeady in all its colour and variety. The most striking aspect is the way the different contributors reflect the great community spirit which animates our parish. There is no shortage of willing hands to support the many worthwhile projects which are an ongoing feature of parish life. The station Masses reveal a deep vein of neighbourly bonds. Sadly, the haemorrhage of emigration continues to rob us of so many of our young people but the task of maintaining and building up a truly Christian community goes ahead. We look forward to the day when they will be able to return home permanently. In these dark days of unemployment, cutbacks and recession we hope this magazine will serve as a link between home and abroad and in some small way lessen the pain of separation and homesickness.

The contributions offer an overview of the many worthwhile activities in the parish — social, educational, sporting, cultural and ecclesiastical. We are particularly proud that the parish's generosity has resulted in the highest per capita contributions to the Mission and Trocaire collections in the Diocese. This has encouraged us to investigate entering a partnership with a small agricultural village in India called Thenkarakottai which has been badly hit by recent drought.

The magazine makes no claim to perfection . . . it's our first venture and we invite your suggestions for next year. Especially welcome are contributions from our exiles (photographs, articles, etc.) and those who are not living in the community at the moment. If you feel you have anything worthwhile to contribute, take down your pen and start writing!

A deep word of thanks to all contributors and especially our editorial team of Noreen Maloney, Tomás Ó hÉanachain and Michael John Casey. Their diligence and hard work enabled the magazine to be produced in record time. May God bless you, our readers, with his Christmas gift of peace and may He continue to bless you and your families all through 1988. Go mbeirimid beo are an am seo arís.

Le gach dhea guí.

FR. BENNY MacHALE, C.C.

A history of Tourmakeady Pioneers

On June 27th, 1931, a sermon was preached in St. Mary's Church, Tourmakeady. The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association was explained by Rev. M. J. Loftus, C.C. This resulted in the foundation of a local branch on July 5th, 1931, with the following officers:

Rev. M. J. Loftus, C.C. (spiritual director); John Reilly, Cappaduff (chairman); Margaret Gillan, Treanlaur (secretary); Mary Burke, Cappaduff (treasurer).

With regular meetings the Association grew from strength to strength with the movement about to celebrate its 56th year in Tourmakeady.

Temperance originated back in the early 18th century. The Catholic Church became involved later on through a Jesuit priest, Fr. James Cullen from Wexford, when he held an unheralded meeting in the Sacristy of Gardiner Street Church. Only four ladies attended but they had one thing in common . . . a devotion to the Sacred Heart which became the motivation behind the establishment of the Pioneer Association. Thus "a seed grew into a large tree" and today the Association has 260,000 members in Ireland.

Secretary Noreen Maloney cutting the cake under the watchful eyes of Joan and friends at the Tourmakeady pioneers 1st birthday party.

Enjoying the party . . . Tomàs Heneghan, Noreen Maloney and Michael John Casey.

The Pioneer Club in Tourmakeady has at present 176 members on its register and since its revival in 1985 its members have proved their ability to achieve great recognition. The club's decision to register with the Ballinrobe region allowed us to take part in all national pioneer activities. Under the leadership of Fr. Benny McHale (spiritual director), Michael John Casey (chairman), Noreen Maloney (secretary) and Tómas Heneghan (treasurer), we began to prepare for the Readoiri competitions in November.

It was our first time taking part so we didn't dare wager on the outcome. It was a triumphant night for the club when Orla Heneghan (solo singing), Eileen O'Neill (disco dancing), the junior set dancers (Deirdre and Sean Mulloy, Maureen Lydon, Frankie Carr, Mickey Heneghan, Anne O'Malley, Mary Anne O'Shea and Maureen Walsh); Feistus and Barbara Folan (old time waltz); Michael John Casey, Noreen Maloney, Michael Conway and Barbara Folan (senior half set) and the senior novelty act all took first place in their respective competitions.

And to cap it all, we were presented with the trophy for the "Best Club" in the Ballinrobe region.

The competitions continued and when it came to the All-Ireland finals Tourmakeady was well represented by our junior set dancers. And while ultimate success eluded them they did us proud.

After the Readoiri competitions we began to prepare for our Christmas concert. With the help of Mary Timoney, N.T., Srah, Eileen O'Malley, N.T., Treanlaur, and Tómas Heneghan, N.T., Killateeaun, we had a very successful night. The profits from our Christmas concert and some socials which we held during the Christmas period were donated to the hall and church fund.

"Poor Georgie" members of Tourmakeady Readoiri Group Mayo novelty act winners, 1986. Front: Michael Morrin, Noreen Maloney. Back: Michael Conway, Mona Heneghan, Michael John Casey, "Poor Georgie." Pic: Frank Dolan

Due to hall renovations the club took a short break and when May '87 arrived everyone was rested and ready to go. The summer outing was arranged by Maureen Coyne, Maureen Heneghan, Catherine Gibbons and Mary Anne Folan. We departed at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, 11th July, for Bundoran with 57 members and a very memorable day was shared by all.

After the tour it was back to come community fund raising and this time we decided on a monthly draw for 12 months. This venture is still going well.

The club, under the same leadership as 1980, celebrated Temperance Week with the presentation of golden pioneer pins to Tony Timoney, (Treanlaur), Daniel Higgins (Trean), Sr. Joseph Burke (Cappaduff) and Mary Meeneghan (Srah), and silver pins to Mai Joyce (Shanvallyard), Bridie Meeneghan (Carheen), Peggy Keane ((Drimcoggy), Nora Morrin, Paddy Morrin, Margaret Morrin (Gortmore), Michael Mulroe and Noreen Walshe.

Pioneers have often suffered from a very negative image in the past and it is important to stress that the essence of being a pioneer is to abstain from alcoholic drink, say a daily prayer — the heroic offering — and to wear publicly the pioneer badge. Being a pioneer is a challenging way of life which emphasises good example and service to the community. It is in this spirit we in the local pioneer branch have undertaken to produce this magazine and we hope our little contribution will play even a small part in enriching the quality of our parish life.

P.T.A.A. Golden Jubilarians from Tourmakeady who received their pins at a special ceremony. Front: Tommy Heneghan, Annie Kerrigan, Mary Forde, Michael Thornton. Back: Fr. Benny McHale, spiritual director, Noreen Maloney, secretary, Michael John Casey, president, and Tommy Heneghan, treasurer.

● **NOREEN MALONEY**
Secretary.

Births

Siobhan Heneghan, daughter of Mai and Owen Heneghan, Treanlaur.

Patricia Marie Lally, daughter of Patrick and Bridie Lally, Derryveeney.

Brian Dermody, son of John and Patricia Dermody, Cappaduff.

Seamus Christopher Gibbons, son of James and Ina Gibbons, Gorteenmore.

Lendsy Marie Donoghue, daughter of Michael and Angela Donoghue.

Richard Thomas O'Toole, son of Kevin and Cathy O'Toole, Cappaduff.

Séan Edward Bennis, son of Edward and Sheila Bennis, Gorteen na Cóille.

Austin Casey Folan, son of Tom and Margaret Folan, Ballybannon.

Mark Joseph Heneghan, son of James and Mary Sara Heneghan, Gorteen na Cóille.

Marriages

Julie Connolly, Glenmask, to Eugene Hughes, Carnacon.

Mary Staunton, Drimcoggy, to Gerry Mulvihill, Enfield.

Pat Folan, Drimcoggy Mountain, to Geraldine McNally, Westport.

Patricia Heneghan, Gortnacullen, to Eddie Gibbons, Cong.

Treasa Heneghan, Derreendafderg, to Michael Derrig, Killateeaun.

Conor O'Toole, Tourmakeady, to Anne Moran, Newport.

Martin Lydon, Tourmakeady, to Frankie Toner, Co. Cork.

Deaths

Pat Heneghan, Shanvalleyard.

Pat Joyce, Treanlaur.

Mrs. Mary Lally, Tawnagh.

Patrick Hallinan, Glenmask.

Mrs. Nellie Donoghue, Gortmore.

Gerald Collins (Baby), Litterineen.

John King, Glenmask.

Patrick Lally, Derrassa.

Mrs. Julia O'Malley, Srah.

First Communions

Padraig Staunton (Drimcoggy).

Micheal O'Neill (Derryveeney).

Danny Cox (Tourmakeady).

Tomás Naughton (Ballybannon).

Thomas Folan (Ballybannon).

Martin John Gibbons (Gorteen na Coille).

Caitlín Heneghan (Ballybannon).

Tríona Connelly (Ballybannon).

Loretta Lally (Derryveeney).

Coleen Dermody (Srah).

Liam Heneghan (Derassa).

Norina Gibbons (Tawnagh).

Kieran Rogan (Killitiane).

COISTE CHOLAÍSTE MUIRE

Ba mhór an t-ábhar imní do mhuintir an cheantair é nuair a d'fhógair ceannphort na mná rialta d'Ord na Trocaire dúinn go raibh an Colaiste le dunadh i 1990, agus nach mbeadh aon chailíní da aglacadh ann i 1986.

Bhi cáil tuílte ag an gColaíste mar gheall ar an dea-oideachas a bhí le fáil ann agus na torthaí iontacha a bhí dhá fhail sna scrudithe ag cailiní na scoile agus a bhfeabhas i gcomórtaisi diospoir eachta agus leínn agus bhí díomá ar fud na h-Eireann i measc Gaeilgeoiri nuair a bhris an scéal san nuacht.

Ghlaoigh an Coiste Pobal cruinniu Poiblí i dTuar Mhic Eadaigh ar an 12ú Aubrean, 1986. Bhi Eanna Ó Connaith, Aire Stait sa Roinn Oideachais Padraig O Floinn, T.D., Donncha O Gallchoir, T.D., An Seanadoir Padraig O Dúrcáin, Roinn na Gaeltachta Uinsionn Mac Thomáis, Roinn na Gaeltachta Colm O Dúlacháin, Artuir O Suilleabhain (Gael Scoileanna), Liam O Ruadháin, Cumann na Mean Mhuinteoiri, Sagairt An Pharáiste, An t-Athar I. De Bhaldraithe, S.P., An t-Ath. D. O Grógáin, S.C., An t-Ath. S. O Cearnaigh, S.C., agus slua mhor i lathair.

Bhi Seosamh O Maolrúnaigh sa gCathaoir agus mhinigh se gur theastaigh ona daoine go leanfadh an scoil ar aghaidh. Bhi lan tacaíocht le fáil, dúradh, óna h-ionadaithe Poiblí a bhi i lathair. Toghadh coiste oibre agus seo iad a h-ainmniodh Seosamh O Maolrunaig cathaoirleach. Tomas O hEanacháin, An t-Ath. De Bhaldraithe, S.P., An t-Ath. O Cearnaigh, S.C., An t-Ath. O Grógain, S.C., Eamon Ó Cuív, Tomás Ó Tuathail, Seán O Maolchaoin, Sean O Coughaile, Maire Ni Thiománai, Sean O Faoláin, An Dr. O Raghallaigh, Nóirín Bean De Burca, Carmel Bean Ui Laife, Tomás P. Ó hÉanachain agus Artúir O Suilleabháin. Tháinig An t-Ath. Mac Eil, S.C., ar an gCoiste nuair a ceapadh é ina shagart Cúnta i 1986.

Socraíodh gur choir iontaobhaithe no pátrúin a raibh a ainm go mor os comhair an phobail a fháil mar thaca. D'eirigh leis na toscaireachtai na patruin seo a fhail le taca a thabhairt don obair. An tArd Easpag, S. O Cuinnean, An Dr. Colm O hEocha, Uachtarán Iolscoil na Gaillimhe, An Dr. T. K. Whittaker. An Dr. Tomas Breathnach agus An Dr. Roibeard Mac Góráin.

Chuaigh an Cathaoirleach agus ionadaithe eile on gcoiste ar il iomad toscaireachta chuig na mna rialta, An t-Ard Easpag, Roinn an Oideachais, Aire an Oideachais, Roinn na Gaeltachta, Údaras na Gaeltachta, Mor thionól Bhord na Gaeilge agus Tionol Ghlor na nGael. Connradh na Gaeilge agus dreamanna eile. Fuar an feachtas a lan poibliochta sna paipéir nuachta, Radio na Gaeltachta, Radio Eireann, Radio Teilifis Éireann.

Chuaigh ionadaithe o thuis mitheoirí an cheantair ar thoscaireachtai chuig Teachtai Dala an Chontae, Eanna O Cionnaith, T.D., Aire Stait Donncha O Gallchoir, T.D., Padraig O Floinn, T.D. Ar feadh i bhfad ní raibh aon chruinnithe le údaras na mBan Rialta agus bhí droch mhisneach ag teacht ar a lán.

Ar deireadh thiar thall ar 30u Bealtaine, 1987, tar eis go leor cruinnithe, d'aontaigh na mná Rialta i dTuaim go bhféadfai an

COISTE CHOLAISTE MUIRE

scoil a chur ar siúl, glacadh le buachailli agus cailíní ar an chead la de Mhean Fhomhar 1987.

Faoin am seo bhí comhlucht curtha ar bun ag Seos. O'Maolrunaigh faoin ainm "Coláiste Thuar Mhic Éadaigh" leis an scoil a thogáil ar laímh Socraiodh go gcaithfí airgead a chruinniú san áit agus go n-iarrfai ar gach einne ar mhian leo a bheith ina mbaill den chomhlucht £200 a íoc. Chuaigh coiste i mbu n-bailiuchan an airgid. Seo iad baill an choiste sin, Stiofán Ó Donncha, Sean Ó Faolain, Maire Bean Uí Éanachain, Siobhan Bean Ni Eanachain, Padraig O Ciobúin, Tomas P. Ó hEanacháin, Ros Bean Uí Mhaolchaoin, Noirin Bean Uí Shé, Tomas O hEanachain (Goirtin Mor), Tomas O Tuathal, Eibhlin Bean Uí Neill, Maire Bean Ui Mhaille, Padraig O Maille, An tSraith Maire Aine Bean Uí Eanacháin.

Socraíoch go gcuirfí "Iontaobhas Óideachais Thuar Mhic Eadaigh" ar bun agus go n-iocfai an tairgead isteach sa gcuntas sin. Deirigh go maith leis an mbailiúchán agus ta timpeall £15,000 bailithe.

Ar an 2u Lúnasa rinneadh an socrú idir an Chomhlucht agus na Siúracha. Thóg an Comhlucht an Colaíste ar léas ar feadh trí bliana. Leanfadh na Suiracha ag togail curam na gcailini conaithe orthu go dtí 1990. Ansin bheadh an t-áras ar fad dhá thógáil ar léas ag An gComhlucht.

D'oscail an scoil ar an 1 Meán Fhómhar. Ta 105 scolaire ann agus ina measc den chead uair ariamh ta 18 buachaillí on gceantar. Ta réimse leathan ábhar dá dteagasc ann. Ta Gaeilge, Bearla, Fraincis, Gearmainis, Matamataic, Eolaiocht, Fisic, Bith Eolaíocht, Stair, Tir Eolas, Eacnamaíocht, Eacnamaicht Baile, Adhmadoireacht agus Líníocht Mheicniúil. Corp oideachas Ceol agus Teagasc Creidimh, Ta Siur Áine Ní Bharáin ina priomh oide agus siad an fhoireana teagaisc, Ná An tSuir Padraicín, Sean Ó Conghalie, Aine Bean Uí Chonghailie, Padraig O'Móráin, Padraig Ó Dufaigh, Maire Bean Ui Neill, Liam De Burca, Paula Ní Mhóráin, Ródaí Mac Raghnaill.

Is iad stiúrthoirí an Chomhluchta. I Comhlucht Colaíste Thuar Mhic Eadaigh. Seosamh O Maolrúnaigh runaí, An tAth. I. De Bhaldraithe, S.P., Toomas O hÉanachain, Sean O Maolchaoin, An Dr. Ciaran Ó Raghallaigh, Seán O Conghaile agus Tomas Ó Tuathail.

Ta an Bord Bainistióchta ceaptha anois agus ar an mBord ta Seosamh O Maolrunaigh cathaoirleach, An tSiur Aine rúnaí. An t-Ath. I De Bhaldraithe. S.P., An tSiúr Maire Ni h-Ionghaile. Sean O Conghaile, Padraig O Dufaigh. Maire Bean Ui Neill, Sean O Maolchaoin agus Éamonn Ó Ceóinín.

Ta ríméad ar phobal na h-áite go bhfuil an Coláiste anois le cúnamh De ar bhealach a shabhala. Ta buíochas tuilte ag gach einne a chabhraigh leis sin a thabhairt i gcrich. Tar ár mbuíochas tuilte freisin ag na mná rialta d'Ord na Trocaire ata ag rith an Cholaiste o 1931 agus a tharraing clú agus cail ar an scoil iontach seo, agus na muinteoiri a bhi ag obair leo Beannacht De orthu go léir.

● **TOMAS Ó hEANACHAIN**

A lovely view from across the lake of the college

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Ar chúl: Micheal Ó'Máille, Padraig Ó hÉanacháin (R.I.P.), Micheál Ó'Maolalla, Mairtín Ó Dúrcáin, Seosamh Ó'Maolalla, Micheál Ó Maointacháin.
An dara líne (ar chúl): Micheál Mac Diarmada, Aindriú O Gobúin, Prionsias Ó Maolalla, Bríd Ní Dhonncha, Máinín Ní Éanacháin, Micheal O'Maolalla, Seamas O Maolalla, Padraig Ó hÉanacháin.
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Ina suí: Caoimhín O Coinin, Tomas O Maolalla, Sean O Cathasaigh, Caitline Breathnach, Peigí Ni Dhonncha, Eibhlín Ni Mháille, Seán O Dúrcain, Sean O Connacháin, Tomás Ó Maolalla.
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Tourmakeady, is a beautiful village church, set in the centre of its two graveyards, the old and the new. The church, named in honour of the Immaculate Conception, was built in 1837 and extensively renovated in 1950-'51. Very little needed to be done in the intervening years until it became necessary to undertake some major improvements in order to maintain the beauty of the church and add a few "extras" that would bring it into line with present-day requirements.

With this in view, and under the direction of Father Joe Kearney, the church was painted, both inside and outside, and rewired. This work was voluntarily undertaken by a group of parishioners and great credit it due to them for the end result. Fr. Joe also began work on two outside toilets and opened the new cemetery in 1980.

Under Father Benny McHale's direction, work on the church continued and an extensive new heating system was installed in time for Christmas, 1986. June, 1987, saw the beginning of the Marian Year and this event was marked by the creation of a beautiful shrine to Our Lady. This shrine replaced the confessional box on the left hand side of the church and was also undertaken and completed by a group of parishioners wth Fr. Benny's encouragement and support. It is a constant source of joy to many.

The next task undertaken was the carpeting of the entire church and sanctuary which, combined with the heating system, has rendered the church a warm, reflective and inviting place of worship. At the same time a modern sound system was installed, new notice boards put up, a new floor was laid in the attic above the sacristy, and the entire sacristy was modernised. The candlebra has been electrified and the old church bell re-hung and electrified so that the Angelus will ring out every day.

In all of these undertakings the people of the area played a most prominent part by their generous contributions of funds, time, active and willing participation, and the ready exchange of of opinions and ideas.

Throughout this time of change and indeed down through the years, teams of women have given lovingly of their time and energy to maintain a high standard of cleanliness throughout the church and in beautifying the altar with exquisite flower arrangements and spotless linen.

Outstanding in this respect was the late Annie Lydon whose service in this church is legendary and who was awarded (sadly after her death) the Bene Merente Medal, bestowed for dedicated service to the church by Pope John Paul II.

The children of the village have also, by the use of their voices and musical talents and in the loving participation as alter servers, enriched our community liturgy during Mass on Sundays and at weddings and funerals. Their contribution has brought joy into all our lives.

This, then, is an overall picture of the life of the people of the half-parish of Tourmakeady regarding their love for their place of worship — St. Mary's. May God bless all who have contributed in any way and may those who follow on guard with love the treasure which is in our midst.

MAURA LYDON

An old picture of St. Mary's Church, Tourmakeady.

The victorious Mayo ladies All-Ireland winning team.

Mayo ladies — All-Ireland champs

1987 has been a great year for ladies football in Ireland but especially for the green and red of Mayo. The county captured two All-Ireland titles — under-16 and minor grades. Tourmakeady, who dominated the game in Mayo, have won the county league and championship in recent years backboned by the O'Neill sisters, Bernadette and Eileen.

It was the same duo who played a major role in Mayo's double victory of 1987. On September 12th at Ennis Gaelic Grounds Mayo accounted for Cork — who started hot favourites — by 1-8 to 2-4 in a ding-dong battle to take the minor All-Ireland title to Mayo for the first time in the history of the Assocation.

It was only the beginning of a major upset for three weeks later — October 4th — at the G.A.A. headquarters in Dublin, the Mayo junior team took on the Leinster champions Wexford in the decider. In an eight-goal thriller a winning margin of 4-10 to 4-7 favoured Mayo.

This concluded a memorable year for the ladies of the green and red and maybe the O'Neill sisters have created a new interest and given a fresh lease of life to football in the parish so the sideboards and walls of homes should be well furnished with honourable titles in the near future.

We express our thanks to the local Pioneer Association for allowing us to share our thoughts and good wishes with the readers of this article.

• **EILEEN O'NEILL**

Boards of Management

Elections for the Boards of Management for the three local national schools took place recently. The term of office is three years. The following people were elected:

SCOIL NA SRAITHE

Seamus Ó Maolalla, Gort a' Chulainn
Padraig Mac Giobiun, Tamhnach
Alice Ní Mhaolalla, An t-Sraith
Siobhain Ni Mhaolalla, Tamhnach
Eamonn Ó Ceoinin, O.S. (Runai).

SCOIL TRIANLÁR

Seán Ó Conghaile, Trianlár
Dr. Ciarán Ó Raghailligh, Tuar Mhic Éadaigh
Maire Ní Luidean, Trianlár
Roisin Ni Mhaolchaoin, Tuar Mhic Éadaigh
Una Ni Rian, O.S. (Runai).

SCOIL CHOILL A t-SIDHEAIN

Stiofáin Ó Donnachadha, Górt Mór
Sean Ó Maolruaidh, Sean Bhaile Chathal
Treasa Ni Phiondargáis, Littirfhinnin.
Mairead Ní Éanachain, Trian
Tomas Ó h-Eanachain, O.S. (Runai).

Cathaoirleach doibh uilig An t-Ath. Mac Éil.

1980 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

The Tourmakeady under-16 team which beat Garrymore.
Back row, left to right: Patrick Lydon, Michael Thornton, Tomas Gavin, Christy Lally, Michael O'Malley, Joe Joyce, T. J. Derrig. Centre: Willie Feely, Pat Folan, Danny Harrington, Johnny Rowan, Padraig Heneghan, John McHale, Vincent O'Neill. Front: Martin Heneghan, Dermot Gavin, Michael Horan, Micheal Molloy, Joe Dolan, John Harrington, Martin Staunton, Johnny Heneghan.
The team lined out as follows: Pat Folan; Michael Thornton, M. O'Malley, Vincent O'Neill; Micheal Horan, M. Heneghan, Christy Lally; M. Molloy, J. Dolan; Padraig Heneghan, John Harrington, Martin Staunton; T. J. Derrig, Tomas Gavin, Joe Joyce.

ON THE G.A.A. FIELDS

THE YEAR 1987 had mixed fortunes for Tourmakeady G.A.A. club. The departure of Fr. Forde to Westport was a great loss to the club. His support over the years as both an officer and a player was a great example to all.

The decision to play junior for this season was forced upon us as a result of emigration. The club lost five of its senior team from the previous year to England and America and as a result its junior team had to rely on the minor panel to field a team. Nevertheless, the team captained by Michael Morrin played some great football over the season and were unlucky to be beaten by Louisburgh in the West Mayo semi-final. Louisburgh went on to win the Mayo championship.

Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta was held in Belmullet this year and those who travelled on that occasion have many lasting memories, even thought our football team had no great success.

Our under-12 team, under the guidance of John Joe Joyce and Michael Hennelly, had a year to remember. They fought hard to beat Breaffy in the West Mayo championship and then went on to win a county title by beating Ballycastle. This spirited team shows great promise for the future.

Two sisters, Eileen and Bernadette O'Neill, were the recipients of All-Ireland medals when they played for the Mayo ladies minor team which beat Kerry in the All-Ireland football final. Great credit is due to both girls as they had to travel long distances to training as well as studying for exams.

The Gaeltarra Cup was played for over the August Festival weekend and was won by Balla. The Tourmakeady under-12 team won out their competition and Ann O'Malley was the winner of the song contest.

When the football season came to a close, the club's officers decided that a major fund raising competition was required to pay off the debt owed by the club for the field development to date and to finance the underage pitch which is soon to be developed. A 'Mayor of Tourmakeady' election was organised by the ever-willing Michael John Casey and six candidates were selected. This Mayoral campaign will run into the New Year.

On behalf of the club we wish all our supporters a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

• **S. DE BURCA**
Runai

Tourmakeady Prayer Group

Small beginnings . . . seeds being sown and scattered and bearing fruit in small ways and, yes, in some big ways, too, over a period of seven plus years. This could be a summary of the life of the Tourmakeady Parish Prayer Group. Since we first met to pray on February 25th, 1980, many changes have taken place — in our own lives, in the parish, in the prayer group itself.

There have been many Monday nights when we have come together to pray and we've often wondered in our hearts why we bother to come or what it is that draws us. And yet, slowly and sometimes in quite invisible ways, the Lord has been there, working to bring about growth and understanding in ourselves, in the life of the group and indeed in the parish and beyond it.

Down the years many different people have come and gone, some have come for a while, others briefly, others who come occasionally and always a small faithful group who have managed to persevere throught thick and thin through cold wintry nights and soft spring evenings.

The prayer group has been directly or indirectly connected with different events which have had many and far-reaching effects.

Having Dana come to visit and stay with us was a memorable experience. Her singing in Ballintubber Abbey had, as always, a pure quality about it, but it was the simplicity and openness of her own personality which impressed us most. This was an event in which the whole community shared — the college provided the facilities for cooking and serving the meal and many people received those with Dana into their homes. Thus, the hospitality and sharing of the people of Tourmakeady was experienced in full measure by these people and they, in turn, enjoyed the local places of interest, e.g. the Gaeltarra factory, the Bunán, etc. . . .

For the past five years members of the Tourmakeady Prayer Group have been actively involved in the prayer and preparation for the annual Charismatic Vigil at Knock. This has been an experience demanding much time and commitment, but also one that continues to be a source of enrichment for us and it is a great privilege (and a responsibility, too, of course) to lead others in prayer. This vigil is attended by thousands who travel from near and far, up and down the country, and it's always a memorable night, gracing the lives of many people.

As well as the above, the group has been in attendance at many days of renewal and reflection held by other groups. It is good for us to move out and to meet with others and we come back to our own little group with renewed energy and faith. This year, for the first time ever, we have been able to organise such a day at home in Tourmakeady and we hope and pray that this day will be a day of many blessings for ourselves, the parish and those who attend.

Members have also participated in days organised for group leaders which have been a source of encouragement and inspiration for the group. On days like that emphasis is placed on teaching so that the group may be fed on true teaching based on scripture.

Our involvement in the Prayer Group has brought us many different kinds of experience and it is worth noting that members have been to other places of prayer and pilgrimage, e.g. the Holy Land, Taize, Medjugorje and Lourdes.

On the more personal level, individual members of the group have expressed what being in the prayer group has meant to them. For some the blessing has been a greater understanding and knowledge of the Bible, for others it has been a real opportunity to come together to pray, and, in particular, to pray for others, the needs of the world, peace, etc. To be able to come to the hall on a Monday night and to give over that time to the Lord, without the interruptions of 'phone or door bell or family, is a real gift.

To take the time to listen to God's word and, for a short while even, to get His slant on life and on events — this helps some to cope with the ups and downs of the rest of the week. Praying together has helped others to believe that God is real and has a lot to do with ou everyday lives and that, in turn, has brought us to a greater and deeper appreciation of the Eucharist. But we realise very well that in order to get anything out of the mass we must be prepared to put something into it. We all experience how difficult and painful it is to forgive someone who hurts us, but when we join in prayer and forgiveness and when we are supported in our struggles by the prayers of others somehow it becomes possible for us to reach out in forgiveness to others as the Lord has taught us by word and example.

Another element that has been very real to us is the growth and deepening of friendships both within the group and with others reaching far beyond the boundaries of Tourmakeady. A very special time for all of us in the group was that year when we had the meetings in Fr. Kearney's house. The openness, simple hospitality and sharing were the marks of that time — people shared what they had so generously and many times his fridge was raided for whatever goodies might be found in a curate's pad!

Creidimid go daingean i bhfocail Íosa agus glacaimid leo gach uair a thagáimid le chéile, mar gheall sé go mbeadh sé fein i lathair cibé áit a mbeadh beirt nó triúr bailithe ina ainm. Murach go raibh an Tiarna linn le seacht mbliana anuas, is cinnte nach mbeadh an grúpa seo fós beo agus ni bheadh alt mar seo á scriobh. Gura fada buan a bheimid! ● **TOURMAKEADY PRAYER GROUP**

Ar gCúl: Antoine Mac Cuscair, Caoimhín Ó Loideain, Caoimhin Ó h-Aodha, Sean Ó Loideain, Tomás O h-Aodha, Micheal Ó Faoilean, Seán M. Mac Cuobiún, Gearoid O Loideain, Seosamh O Maolmaidh, Breandáin Ó h-Éanacháin.
3ú sraith: Sean Ó Donnachadha, Denise Ní Stundain, Mischelle Ní Choileain, Rebecca Nic Aodha, Sharon Ní Loideain, Donna Ní Rogain, Rita Ní Fhaoileain, Brid Ní Chuscoir, Padraigín Ní Mhaolruaidh, Caroline Ní Loideain, Micheal Ó Coilean.
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Underage football in Tourmakeady

1987 was a very successful year for underage football in Tourmakeady due to the success of our under-12 team. The seeds of this victory were sown in 1986 when we were fortunate to have a group of dedicated and talented lads together in the same age group. We had a number of disappointing narrow defeats in the '86 campaign, especially against Breaffy.

When training was resumed again this year, everyone felt that with a lot of effort on the part of everyone involved we had a team fit to win the West Mayo championship. Our first outing was against Parke, a game which we won easily. Next we had to face Castlebar. This game was a harder affair but we came out on top again thanks to some great football played by all the team.

As the championship progressed a sense of success was brewing up among the lads. Yet the next game would test the team to its limits. Breaffy travelled to Tourmakeady with a strong squad. The game was hard and the football from both sides exciting. There were no quarters given on either side but eventually Tourmakeady came out the victors by a few points.

We had now qualified for the West semi-finals to be played in Westport. We were drawn against Louisburgh and success was to come out way yet again in a game that was ruined by the very strong winds blowing in from Clew Bay. Breaffy won the other semi-final and so another testing game lay ahead of us in the final.

The evening of the final came and we had put in a good two weeks training and preparation. Everyone involved was nervous and tense. From the outset it was clear to all that Breaffy intended to win this one. All through the first half Breaffy were ahead and by half time we were six points behind. The lads went out for the second half and got the boost of an early goal. This seemed to be a shot in the arm for every player on the team and for the rest of the half they seemed to slip into top gear. Playing some delightful football Tourmakeady won by six points.

We had now achieved our initial aim but more was to come and we went on to win the county final in fine style by beating Ballycastle in Knockmore.

The keys to this success were many. Firstly, I would like to thank Mickey Hennelly and John Farragher, my co-trainer and selectors for all their help and co-operation over the two years. Also Cassie Hennelly who made sure the jerseys were always clean and dry on the day of the match. I would also like to thank the parents and supporters who came to all games and cheered on the lads.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all the lads involved in the team from the goalkeeper right down to the last sub. For without their dedication and attendance at training and their courage and skill on the field of play there would be no success.

Beidh An-Tath linn arís le cúnamh Dé.

● **SEAN SÉOIGHEO**

Foireann peile faoi 12, Craobh Contae 1987. Ar gcúl: Breandáin Ó h-Éanachain, Tomás Ó Brian, Adrian Ó Farrachair, Sean Ó h-Éanacháin, Seamús Ó Durcáin, Padraig agus Stiofain Ó Rónáin, P. S. Ó Sheirdáin, Seán Ó Cualáin, Donal de Búrca, Máirtin Ó Maolruaidh. Dara sraith: Seamus de Phiondargáis, Padraig Ó Connacháin, Tomás Stundúin (caiptin), Stiofáin O h-Éanacháin, Brian Ó h-Ionnaghaile, Peadar Ó Sheiridáin, Ciaran Breathnach, Colm Ó Connghaile, Conrad 'Ac Giobiún. I dTosach: Micheal Ó Stunduin, Tomás Seosamh Ó h-Éanacháin, Tomás Ó Rónáin. Le na bainisteoirí Sean Seoighe agus Micheal Ó hIonnaghaile.

Coiste Forbartha Choill a' t-Sidheáin

Cuireadh an Coisde seo ar bun i Mí na Samhna 1980. Fuarathas na rudaí seo a leanas déanta tríd an gCoisde le cabhair ó Údarás na Gaeltachta, Roinn na Gaeltachta agus muintir na h-áite.

(1) Roint na cimíne ar an mBunán agus Litirínn.
(2) Ag iarraidh turasóireacht a chur ar bun, cuireadh boird phicnic sa Linne Mhór ag droichéad an Bhunán agus Mám Trasna agus déanadh ionad paircéala i gCeapach na Crieche.
(3) Bhí an Coisde ag iarraidh tionscáil a chur ar bun san áit.
(4) Bhí an coiste ag iarraidh coras bailuicháin bruscar a chur ar fáil don cheantar.
(5) Chuireadar soilsí poiblí thart sa gceantar.
(6) Fuair siad ionad paircéala ag an reilig i bPáirc an Teampall.
(7) Bhí siad ag cur brú ar an gComhairle Condae feabhas a chur ar na bóithre portaigh.

As an obair seo fuair an Coisde duais £2,000 trí chomórtas Údaras na Gaeltachta. Cuireadh fóchoiste ar bún chun déaláil le abhainn Bhroin. Bailliodh £20 ó gach teaghlach atá ag baint úsaid as droichead na Deirce. Bailliodh £940 ar fad.

Bhí an Coisde i dteangmhail le Teachtaí Dála agus Oifigí an chomhairle Contae faoi deontas a fhail chun droichead nua a chur i mBarr na h-Abhna agus le haghaidh abhainn Bhroinn a ghlanadh ó bhun go barr. Cruinniodh £769 ag an óiche siamsa i dteach Mháire Luke. Caitheadh £14,000 ar ghlanadh na h-aibhne thuas i mBarr na h-Abhna agus £350 ag an droichead caol, agus £350 i Sean Bhaile Chathail.

Níl an Coisde sásta go fóill leis an obair a déanadh ar ghlanadh na h-áibhne.

Leis an abhainn seo a ghlanadh mar is ceart bheadh an costas anmhór agus chaithfí cabhar a fháil on stát.

Tá an Coisde ag iarraidh an Reilig i bPairc an Teampall a fháil glanta agus bóithrí portaigh a fháil feistithe, solas poiblí a chur suas ag scoil an Doire agus áiseanna a fháil do thurasóirí sa gceantar, agus fostaíocht a chur ar fáil sa gceantar do fir go mór mhór.

Bhí toghachán don gCoisde úr i mí Deire Fohmair agus toghadh na daoine seo:

Caitlín Ní Mhaoilruaidh: Cisteóir agus Rúnaí.
Tomás Ó hÉanacháin: Cathaoirleach.
Martin Ó Meara
Seamus Ó Maoilruaidh
Tomás Ó Faoileain
Eibhlín Ní h-Ionnoghaile
Máire Ní Stundán
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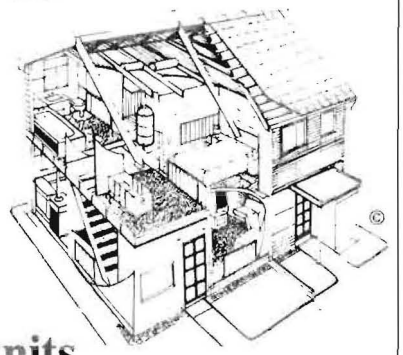

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CASEY'S CORNER

Looking back on 1987 in Tourmakeady it was a unique year of various celebrations. Most of which will never be repeated again.

Back on February 12th Tourmakeady Junior set Dancers were beaten by a point or two in the All-Ireland Readoiri Finals.

Lough Mask anglers had another great weekend on May 8th-10th when James Callaghan won the overall prize — the Menrad Cup and boat.

The under-12 footballers of Tourmakeady took the county title at Knockmore, defeating Ballycastle. Tom Staunton was capatin.

Golden memories of Delia and Tommie Gibbons 50th wedding anniversary on June 20th June with close on 600 guests in the magnificent marquee on the family lawn.

Sr. Terrisita Durcan from Treenlaur now in California, came home to celebrate her 50 years in religious life, with her sister Breege, brother Mick, neighbours and relatives.

July 5th was a special for the Lallys of Tawnagh, Srah, especially Mary Lally as she celebrated her 100th birthday. On the same day Tourmakeady Swimming Club awarded their champions of the year declaring Eilee Sheridan as Swimmer of the Year.

Teresa and Willie Middleton were crowned waltzing dou of Tourmakeady on July 26th. A week later Colaiste Muire was given the green light for boys and girls for term, opening on September 1st.

October 4th gave Eileen and Bernie O'Neill two All-Ireland ladies football medals to put with a similar victory two weeks previously.

On October 20th a group of 39 set out on a nine day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Nice to see Sister Claire, Martina, Coleman and Kieran of Colaiste Muire travel to Israel.

November 1st: Tourmakeady Hall Committee made local history making a £1,042 profit from a single venture. Well done all.

November 28th: Tourmakeady Pioneers presented 12 jubilee pins to their members, eight silver and four gold. The Pioneers wish to thank all who donated and helped with the function on the 28th.

December 6th was a big day in the lives of Tourmakeady Prayer Group with special prayers and Mass day.

December 13th: The youth of the parish had Santa Claus in the local hall. What a day that was!

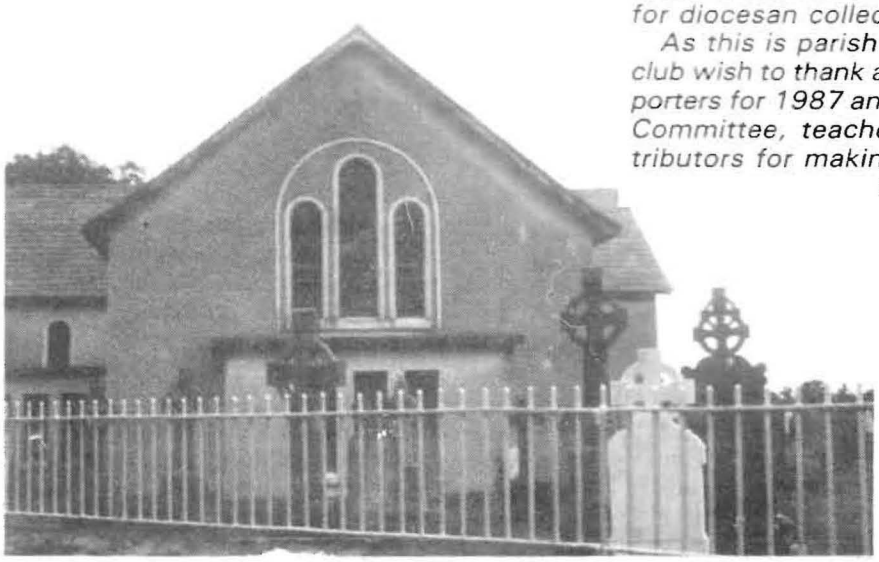
A number of other big events took place in Tourmakeady during the year. The area's first-ever triplets made their debut in Killeteaun National School in June.

While mid-August had local man Kevin O'Toole spin the National Lottery wheel at the Rose of Tralee giving him a £50,000 cheque. Well done Kevin.

Nice to see St. Mary Hall and St. Mary's Church re-decorated. Tourmakeady church is top of the list for the second year in a row for diocesan collections in the Tuam area.

As this is parish booklet each and every club wish to thank all their sponsors and supporters for 1987 and we thank you — Ladies Committee, teachers, sponsors, and contributors for making this article possible.

MICHAEL JOHN CASEY



The side entrance of St. Mary's Church.

4th, 5th and 6th classes in Srah N.S. 1986/'87

CUMANN SNAMH TUAR MHIC EADAIGH

The Tourmakeady Swimming Club was founded in 1985 and is flourishing. It has approximately 70 members, many of whom have been club members since the outset.

The main aims of the club are, first and foremost, to teach as many local children as possible to swim. It is not sufficient to attend lessons for only a few weeks; once a child has "taken off" in the water he needs to improve his style and increase the distances he can swim, so that eventually he can become a safe, competent swimmer.

The group go down by coach and minibus to Castlebar swimming pool every Saturday for a 2 hour session. The first hour is reserved for the beginners and improvers and the second hour to the more proficient swimmers. All childlren aim to achieve distance badges ranging from "I Can Swim" to the 1500 metre badge. Furthermore the second group work towards the Irish Amateur Swimming Associations bronze and silver awards. During the course of the last year, twenty-one bronze and 14 silver badges have been awarded together with many distance badges. Jim O'Neill, the club chairman and head coach, has every confidence that in the near future some of the more experienced swimmers will achieve the gold award — no mean feat as any of those involved will verify.

There is no doubt that the club continues to thrive due to the massive enthusiasm generated by the children. For all the helpers involved there is something very satisfying in watching the nervous non-swimmer develop gradually into a stylish, relaxed swimmer with no fear of water but only an educated awareness of its inherent dangers. Safety and survival practices in the water are greatly emphasised. In a community such as ours living in such close proximity to water, it is vital to be able to swim.

We look forward to many more years of happy and safe swimming. **Ann McDonnell Barker,**
Sec. Tourmakeady Swimming Club

Rang dheiridh Sheosamh O Maolrunaigh i Scoil Thrianlair Meitheamh 1986

Cumann Naoimh Seosamh

The youth club of Tourmakeady "Cumann Naoimh Sheosamh" has fifty members.. We organise activitis for the youth in the parish. The local hall is usually where we gather together for our meetings and also many of our other activities.

We try to vary them to suit our members. In the summer, we have basketball and horse-riding on Sunday afternoon. We also have our annual tour for the members.

Every year during the month of July or August we hold the annual sports day in the local football pitch. It is a family day and there are events for all ages, we even have mothers and fathers races.

During the winter months we usually hold games on a Friday night. The game consists of badminton, table tennis, darts, pool and cards. Just before Christmas we hold our annual Christmas party. It is a day for all members of the family.. The day is based on the enjoyment children and parents get from it. Practically every member in the club will be involved in the running of the party.

Thoughout the year we have discos in the parish hall, we own our equipment. We also hold kiddies discos — about once every two months.

Every third weekend we organise a bus to go to the cinema in Castlebar. Also, it is the club who pays for any buses that go to Scór or football matches.

Every month, each member has to contribute 50p towards a village in Africa to whom we are sponsors.

We feel that it is essential to have a youth club in every parish. Youngsters learn how to work together as one. We, the youth of Tourmakeady feel that our youth club is a precious asset to the parish.

Bernie O'Neill, Secretary

The pier at Lough Mask

LOUGH MASK ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

The official opening of the trout angling season is the 15th February but for the local anglers the season really starts with the various competitions.

The club was host to four competitions in the 1987 season, the biggest of these being the European Cup Wet Fly Championship. This was the third year of the competition. More than 80 top anglers took part in the competition which was run over three days in mid-May.

The first three prizes were won locally: 1st, Jim Callaghan, Partry (Menrad Cup and 1st prize of boat and trailer); 2nd, Martin Feerick Ballinrobe (6 h.p. outboart motor); 3rd, Liam Conroy, Tourmakeady (portable colour television). The remainder of the prizes were spread throughout the country and the competition finished with a very successful dance in the local hall on the final night. The prizes were presented by Mr. Padraig Flynn, T.D., Minister for the Environment.

The Mulloy Cup competition was held on the second Saturday in September. There was a good entry and 22 local anglers took part. The competition was won by P. Feerick; 2nd, W. Feely; 3rd, M. Maree.

The club also held two closed competitions in the season. The season was not without its share of big trout. Kurt Menrad hooked a 7 lb. trout; Michael Shovlin an 8½ lb. trout; Liam and Karl Conroy 5 lbs. trout; Wille Middleton 6 lbs., and Highie McDonnell 5 lb.s 5 ozs. Martin Morrin hooked and lost a 'biggie' in the region of 15 lbs. (the one that got away!).

Other notable achievements by club members was a place in the Irish national team gained by Michael Shovlin. This was the first time in the historv of the club that any member achieved this honour. Liam Conroy and Michael Shovlin qualified to fish in next season's national competitions.

The latter part of the season did not yield many fish on Lough Mask or on most other lakes. Hopefully, this is not a sign of things to come. A thought to bear in mind is that pollution is an immediate threat to the anglers and tourism and a long-term threat to us all and should be acted upon now.

This season's committee was: Martin Morrin (chairman); Liam Conroy (secretary); Michael Cox (treasurer). Committee members: Padraig Heneghan, Martin Maree, Michael Shovlin, Willie Middleton, Brian Joyce, Frank Philbin and J. Joyce.

• **LIAM CONROY**
Secretary

The Parish of Ballyovey — in the eyes of two 19th century visitors

By Jarlath Waldron P.P., Partry

The following excerpts from the very well-known authorities give an interesting picture of parish life in the last century.

The first comes from Samuel Lewis writing in his "Topographical Dictionary of Ireland." In it Ballyovey — our parish's old name, is described as follows:

" Parish in the Barony of Carra, 6¼ miles from Ballinrobe, containing 4025 inhabitants (present population 1,000 approx.). *This parish, which is pleasantly situated on the borders of Lough Mask and Carra on the high road from Castlebar to Ballinrobe. It comprises 19,823 statute acres as applotted under the Tithe Act. The surface is mountainous and there are extensive tracts of bog. The lands now in cultivation are principally under tillage. The scenery is bold and varied: in the bosom of the mountains is Tourmakeady the summer lodge of Dean Plankett. Partree, the seat of John Lynch Esq. is beautifully situated on Lough Carra.*

"There is neither a Protestant Church, glebehouse nor glebe. In the R.C. divisions it forms a separate benefice, called Partree. There are two chapels one at Partree, a small thatched building and the other in the mountains at Ballybannon, a spacious slated edifice. There are six fee-paying schools with about 340 people enrolled."

The second account comes from John O'Donovan, who surveyed the county around 1839 for the Ordance Survey. He gives the parish area as 27,622 acres but this includes 6,602 acres under the waters of Lough Mask and 1,177 acres under Lough Carra. Therefore the difference between both accounts is not that great. O'Donovan adds:

"The land is mountainous with large tracts of bog and water. It is transversed from North to South by the main road from Castlebar to Ballinrobe."

It is interesting to look at some of O'Donovan's remarks about the individual townlands.

Ballybannon Mountain — O Banáns Town.

Contains 472 acres. It is all mountain except for some reclaimed land in the centre. It is the property of George Moore Esq. of Moore Hall.

Cappaghduff — black plot of land.

East: 458 acres — most of this is heather and rocky pasture with a good deal of relcaimed land in patches. There is a steep precipice at the S.W. common.

West: 514 acres. Mostly heather and rocky pasture with a good deal of reclaimed land in patches. There is a holy well at the south east corner with a large tree growing over it.

Corheen — (Carthaoin) rocky land.

Containing 186 acres. The principle part is heather and mountain pasture. Proprietor George Moore.

Derrassa — the oakwood of the waterfall.

Containing 1,290 acres. Good light moory soil producing good crops. Rent £85 per annum. Proprietor James Gildea

Derrassa Common.

Containing 23 acres, 4 roods, 21 perches. No rent is paid for this by the Derrassa tenants.

Derryveeney — Oakwood of the mine.

Containing 1302 acres, 2 roods, 27 perches. except for a small portion at the south east end this townland is mountain and heather. There are some very beautiful waterfalls on the northern meanling. The proprietor is not named.

Drimcoggy Mountain — Ridge of the War.

Containing 825 acres, 2 roods, 27 perches. This townland is common to the villages of Trivnagh and Shanwallyard. No rent is paid for it.

Gleann na Gashleen — Valley of the Stone Chats. Containing 969 acres, 1 rood, 12 perches. Soil, nearly all mountain ground, producing very bad crops. Proprietor George Moore.

Gleann Measc — Valley of the Mask.

1,872 acres, 0 roods, 14 perches. Nearly all mountain and rocky land. The total rent of the land (paid by Sr. F. Lynch Blosse) is c. £40 per annum. Very bad crops.

Gortnacullen — Goirtín Bun a'chuilinn — Field of the end of the holly grove. Contains 1,204 acres, 2 roods, 20 perches. The property of Lynch Bloose who receives about £80 per annum rent from the whole td. Soil, moory and rocky, producing bad crops. Property of Sir Francis Lynch Blosse (Balla).

Gorteenmore — the Big Little Garden.

Contains 140 acres, 2 roods, 19 perches. Property of George Moore Esq. There is much rough pasture, but arable land is good. There is a chapel in ruins on the north eastern side of the td.

Gortfree — Heath Field.

Containing 284 acres, 1 rood, 23 perches.

Mainly heather and rough pasture. The arable part is good. dean Plunkett has planted a good deal of the td. ans is making other improvements. At the south side of the road is a police barracks.

Seanghort — Old Field.

Contains 265 acres, 1 rood, 27 perches. Property of Sir. Francis Lynch Blosse and is let in farms without leases. The whole rent comes to £25. Soil rocky and heathry land, producing bad crops.

The Parish of Ballyovey (Continued)

Sragh — A soft bottom (Leána — a hard bottom).
Containing 912 acres, 3 roods, 38 perches. The property of the established church (Anglican) and held by James Gildea Esq. It is nearly all mountain. Rent £76.

Tawnagh — A green arable spot in a mountain.
It could be a slope. Alias Drumcoggy. North: 557 acres, 1 rood, 9 perches. The property of Sir F. lynch Blosse. The greater part is mountain ground and bog; the remainder is rocky and heathery land, producing very indifferent crops.

Tourmakeady — Mac Keady's Green Field.
East: 200 acres, 1 rood, 37 perches. Proprietor not named. Dean Plunkett lodge is in this td. He is reclaiming the ground and making other improvements. The soil is good, and at the south side is a large oak wood.
West: 104 acres, 3 roods, 18 perches. Proprietor not named. Mainly rough heather and rough pasture. The arable part is poor, cold land. At its south, land common. There is a beautiful waterfall.

Tourmakeady Mountain.
Contains 1,051 acres, 1 rood, 12 perches. Proprietor not named. The whole of this td. is heather and mountain bog. No inhabitants.

Treeanlaur — the Middle Third.
Containing 383 acres, 2 roods, 10 perches. Property of George Moore Esq. Much of this td. is heather and rough pasture; the arable part is pretty good. There are some beautiful waterfalls at the north of the td. Misceallaneous features.

Lochán Sí — Pool of the Fairies between Gortmocullen and Drumcoggy.
Toberkeelagh — **Keelagh's Well.** A holy well with a large tree near it in the td. of Cappagheduff West.
Some islands.

Inishdawaur — the island of the two tops.
In Lough Mask near Corheen mountain.

Knockmuredamore in S.W. part of Glenmask td.
Maumakeeran (Madhan a'Chaothainn).
Chasm on elevated pass of the rowan tree. On the mearing of Tourmakeady Mountains and Glennegoshleeny.

Slieve Bohaun — Mountain of Ni Bohin.
Forms part of Derrassa td.

Monalumman — Moin na Loman, bare bog.
A well known tract of bog, formerly famed for robbers. It comprises an undefined tract in the central part of the parish, including part of the td of Srah, Furnee and Cloonee.
Partry parish extends from Keel Bridge to Bunnaun and from Derrew to Keel.

School-day smiles from Tourmakeady triplets

There are smiles all round from the Collins triplets following their first days at school.

Clare Marie, Mary Teresa and John Paul enrolled at Killatean National School, Tourmakeady only a short distance from their home.

They have two other young companions in the babyroom which is under the supervision of teacher Mary Waldron.

Said Mrs. Maureen Collins, their proud mother: "They love school, so far.

"There was tremendous excitment about going there for the first time."

The children were born at the General Hospital, Castlebar, in August, 1982, much to the delight of Maureen and her husband John, whose home is at Barnabowna, Tourmakeady.

There are two other Collins' children attending classes at Killateaun, Michael is aged 12 and Fiona is six. Their eldest sister Michelle who is 13 has just commenced studies at Colaiste Mhuire, Tourmakeady.

★ The triplets are pictured above by Paul Heverin all smiles equipped with their schoolbags.

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Bhí go leor imeachtaí againn i rith na bliana chun airgead a bhailliú. Bhí crannchur mór againnn a rinne £1,300 agus bhí díolacháin earraí againn a rinne £1,048. Bhí damhsaí againn agus tá muid ag reachtail "Bingo" gach Áoine agus bíonn imirt cartaí gach Domhnach. Tá muid an-bhuíoch do chuile dhuine a chabhraigh linn i rith na bliana. Leis an deontas o Roinn na Gaeltachta agus an airgead a bhailligh muid tá an chuid is mo don chostas íochta againn.

Tá cuma maith ar an halla taobh istigh anois agus beidh muid ag diriú ar n-aire ar an taobh amuigh sa bhliain úr. Tá ar intinn againn áit paircéala a dhéanamh taobh amuigh. Ta péinteáil le déanam taobh amuuigh. Tá troscain úr ag teastail go mór mhór boird úr.

Ba cheart go mbeadh brod ar mhuintir na h-áite go bhfuil áis mar seo acu. Is foirneamh breá é bhfuil feiliúnach do go leor imeachtaí. Baineann na clubanna clig sa cheantar úsaid as. Bíonn ranganna agus imeachtaí eile ag Club na mBan unn. Bhí imeachtaí gaelach ann ag an Coiste Gaeilge. Bíonn ceolchoirm, damhsaí agus discos ag na Readoirí. Bíonn coisir bliantiúl na seandaoine agus na n-iascairí sa halla. Bíonn discos, cluiche agus coisir na Nollag ´g Club na nOg ann. Bíonn coirmeacha ceoil agus go leor rudaí eile sa hall chomh maith. Ba mhór an ónoir duinn gur tionoladh cruinniú den Chomhairle Chontae sa halla 8 mbliana.

Tá suil againn go mbainfidh chuile dhuine taithneamh agus tairifa as na h-áiseanna atá curha ar fáil againn. Guíonn muid beannachtaí na Nollag ar chuile dhuine a úsaideann an halla agus do gach duine a chabhraigh linn i rith na bliana.

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THE BUNAUN ORATORY

THE history of Bunaun Oratory began in January, 1941, when work commenced there on a new dance hall. The site had been obtained from the Land Commission and under the aegis of Fr. John Colleran, who was curate in Tourmakeady at the time, the hall was completed and ready for opening on Easter Sunday, 1941.

Myles Joyce was the contractor and also acted as overseer and co-ordinator of the large group of voluntary workers. These included: Tom Lydon, Martin Costello, Dan Higgins, Dan Heneghan, Peter Mulroe, Martin Maree, Stephen Donoghue, Dan Prendergast, Michael Prendergast, Michael Lydon, Michael Whelan, Sean O'Neill, Mattie Heneghan and Pat Lydon.

As a result of all this voluntary labour and the free gravel brought by horse and cart from the river, the cost of the whole undertaking was merely £350. (Interestingly, a tradesman's wage at the time was between 5/- and 7/6.)

At first a battery gramaphone supplied the music for the dances and Tilly Lamps provided the light. When it became clear that live music was preferred, Patrick Flanagan of Barnahowna was employed — for the princely sum of 5/- a night. Willie Keane and Tony Timoney also played there, as did Billy Newell from Partry. And for such a feast of craic agus ceol one had to part with 2d. on weeknights and 4d. (toistiún) on Sundays! Nevertheless, such exorbitant priced didn't deter people from walking from Glensaul or from Tourmakeady — like the late Harry Burke. People even came by boat from Kilbride.

Ach ní thugann rud ar bith ach seal and this mecca yielded place to the new — the new hall built in Tourmakeady in 1951. The sound of revelry by night in the Bunaun ceased; the light fantastic was no longer tripped. No doubt it would have become an abandoned wreck but for the fact that it was put to new use and given a new lease of life.

It was converted into a Mass centre and Fr. Tom Canning celebrated Mass for the first time there and since then it has been used as an Oratory by Frs. Pat Henry, Colm Burke and Deasún O Grógáin.

In the late 1960s the place was revamped, again by voluntary labour under the guidance of Pádraic Coyne and Pádraic O Máille . . . a raised Sanctuary area, altar facing the congregation, a new ceiling, gas heating, carpeting, old church seats from Athenry. More recently, in the Spring and early Summer of this year, Pádraic Coyne directed operations in another renovation job: enlarge windows, new doors, new gable, new carpeting and paint work. And once again, due to the trojan voluntary work of both women and men, costs were kept to a miniumu.

We are happy to have a pleasant, cosy and decorative Oratory, beautifully maintained by the Maree family. So it continues to be a place of worship each Sunday and holyday, a place where one is always edified by the faithful worship of a faith-full people, Pobal De.

• **FR. DESMOND GROGAN**

Jimmy — a pilgrim and star

One of Tourmakeady's better-known parishioners has achieved more than most for he has walked from his home on the shores of Lough Mask through Westport to the 2,500 foot mountain known as Croagh Patrick, climbed the mountain and returned home on foot to Tourmakeady. The gentleman in question is of course Jimmy Coyne, Trenlaur, Tourmakeady.

As we came to the traditional last Sunday of July, Jimmy was preparing for the long trot to the top of Croagh Patrick. Refusing offers of lifts Jimmy completed the journey on foot.

Jimmy has climbed the mountain 21 times. He was featured on a television programme on August 2nd last entitled: "A Sense of Humour" when Mr. Coyne placed a major role in the series on Croagh Patrick. The programme also featured Knock Shrine and Lough Derg. As in olden days for the night time climb and later on at the dawn decent Jimmy Coyne was seen by thousands of pilgrims with his rosary beads, stick and should bag.

An Naionra

Bunaiodh naionra sa pharoiste anuraidh. Tá sé a reachtáil ag Mairín Bean Uí Mháille. Bíonn ranganna ar siúl gach lá i gclubtheach Cummann Luthchleas Gael i dTrian Lár. Paistí trí bliana agus ceithre bliana a bhíonn ag freastal ar na ranganna, Tosaíonn na ranganna ag 9.30 agus críochnaíonn siad ag 11.30. Bhí aon duine dheag ag freastal ar na ranganna anuraidh. Togadh an pictiúr seo ag coisir deire bliana a bhí sa naíonra.

• **MAIRÍN BEAN UÍ MHÁILLE**

Cumann Chaoirigh Sleibhe

Ag feachaint siar duinn, is gearr an t-achar 25 bliain, agus is iomai rud a tharla san am sin. Ach silim gurb e an treimhse 1962-1972 an t-am is mo a tharla rudaí suntasacha anseo i dTuar Mhic Eadaigh.

I 1962 bunaiodh Cumann Chaoirigh shleibhe Thuar Mhic Eadaigh agus é mar chuspoir acu cabhru le cheile sceimeanna traillacha a bhunú agus chuile chabhair a bhi le fail a eilamh chun cursai talmhaiochta i dTuar Mhic Eadaigh a chur chun cinn. Sa gcead bhliain, bhí 160 ball sa gcumann. Be Tomas O' Maolalla, as Doire Bhianaigh an chead Cathaoirleach, Antoine MacFhinn, as Croachrim agus Tomas O' Tuathail as Tuar Mhic Eadaigh na Runaithe agus Sean O' Maolalla as Tamhnach an Cisteor. Bhi coisde de dhá scor, ionadaithe as chuile fearainn sa gceantar.

I 1962, cuireadh Teasbainteas Caorach ar bun, agus tugadh cuirithe do mhuintir Chonamara agus Tuaisceart Mhugiheo. Chuaigh furmhor na nduaiseanna amach on gceantar. Thug baill an chumainn cuairt ar theasbaintas Sraith an Urlair, Co Dun na nGall, cheannaigh siad 12 reithe le cabhair on Roinn Talmhaiochta. Iarradh ar an bForas Taluntais fiosrachain a dheanadh ar staid feilmearachta an cheantar. Iarradh ar an Roinn Talmhiochta reithe Border Leicester a chur sa gceantar. Cuireadh tus le sceim na bPleasain Fearaigh..

SCEIM NA bPLASAIN FEARAIGH. Deontas £1,000 ó Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Sa sceim seo toghadh iarrtaisi o na baill agus rinne an teagascoir, Sean O' Brien, B.Ag. scrudú ar chuile chas. Phioc se amach 34 a raibh paisti feiliunacha acu taobh leis an gcnoc agus sconsa maith air. Rinneadh an talamh a dhó le Gramaxone no a chartú le Rotovator. Cuireadh amach aoil agus 4cdm leasú ar chuile acra. Cuireadh tus les seo i 1962 agus leanadh ar aghaidh les sna Gaeltachtai are fad ina dhiaidh sin gan siol feir no an doghadh talun. Diocadh an deontas leath an chostais.

Go dti seo ba é an priomh ioncam a bhi ag feirmeoiri an cheanntair seo muilt tri bliana dhiol leis na buisteiri agus sean caoirigh baineanna adhiol le muintir an achreidh. As mean uimhir de 40 caoire baineanna dhiolfhai 10 gcinn de mhuilt agus 6 cinn de caoirigh baineanna in aghaidh na bliana.

I 1963 cuireadh fograí sna paipeiri le uain fhireann a dhiol. Tugadh Cuireadh do Rickard Deasy, Uachtaran N.F.A. teacht chuig an teasbainteas. Iarradh cabhair air agus a Eagraiocht, margadh afhail i measc feirmeoiri an achreidh do uain fireann o na sleibhthe.

I 1964 tugadh aitheantas on Roinn Talmhaiochta do theasbainteas Thuar Mhic Eadaigh mar ionad chun reithi a cheannacht da gcuid sceimeanna forbartha. San mbliain sin cheannaigh siad reithi sleibhe san iarthar den chead uair. I bfomhar na bliana sin tugadh isteach reithi as Albainn agus Portlairge. De bharr aol agus leasu a cuireadh amach le dha bhlian thanaic galra an phuchain, ar na caoirigh, go h-airithe na h-uain. Iarradh cabhair ar an Roinn Talmhaiocht agus treadlia ón Roinn, Gearóid De Buitileir agus teicneoiri on gcomhlucht Shell. Rinne siadsan suirbhe anchruinn i nEarrach 1965 ar na feirmeoiri a bhi pairteach sna Pleasain Fearaigh. Piocadh amach aiteanna fliucha ina raibh seilimidi an phuchain go fluirseach iontu agus spreail na feirmeiri na paisti sin le "Freascon," moluscacide nua. Le Cabhair o Ruairi O' Neill, treadlia as Baile an Roba agus Padraigh O' Dalaigh treadlia eile on bForas Taluntais rinneadh mîon scrudu ar behithi agus ar caoire an cheanntar ar fad agus fuarathas amach go raibh galra an phuchain go dona i measc na nainmhithe ar fad.

SCEIM AN PHUCHAIN (Fluke control)

Deontas £500 o Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Sa sceim seo rinne an Cumann margadh leis an treadlia, Trodax le haghaidh galra an phuchain, a chur ar fail do na hainmhithe ar fad, rinne na feirmeoiri iad fein na caoirigh a instealladh agus rinne an treadlai na beithigh. Chuir an comhlucht a bhi ag deanamh an Trodax e ar fail ar phaghas ar leith agus bhi inann na caoirigh agus na beithigh ar fad sa gceantar seo o shin.

Thart ar an am seo, tosaiodh ag co-oibru leis an bForas Taluntais ag deanamh fiosru ar chursai talmhaiochta sa gceantar. Fuarathas amach go raibh incon £80 sa mblian mar mhean as Caoirigh ag feirmeoiri an cheantar i 1965. Tugadh cuireadh don Aire Talmhaiochta Cathal O' hEachaidh T.D. teacht chuig Teasbainteas so bliana 1966. Thainig sé agus ghlac se toscaireacht ó mhuintir an cheantair agus o Chumann Chaoirigh Shleibhe Mhuigheo. Tugadh mioneolas do ar na fadhbanna a bhi againn. Ba é an priomh fhadhb an bhlian sin nach raibh aon diol ar Uain fhireanna nach raibh sach reamhar do na monarchain, agus bhi ar na feirmeoiri iad a ligean amach ar na cnoic sa ngeimhreadh, ait in ar gcailfhi leath acu. Iarradh air Foirdheontas a chur ar fail do na huain, agus cabair le beathu geimhridh a chur ar fail. Thug se eisteacht mhaith doibh agus gheall se a dhicheal a dheanamh.

SCEIM COTHU GEIMHRIDH

Sceim cuig bliana. Deontas o Roinn na Gael-

Cumann Chaoirigh Sleibhe

tachtha £500 sa mblian.

I 1967 d'eagraigh an teagascoir Sean O' Canainn cursai Leachtanna agus as na daoine a dfreastal ar na leachtanna sin phioc se amach 40 a bhi sasta dul ar aghaidh le sceim beathu caorach. Ceanniodh luach mile punt de choirce agus mion bhiatas agus tugadh doibh ar leath phraghas e, bhi ar chuile dhuine trochanna a dheanamh leis an mbeathe a thabhairt do na caoirigh. Tosnaiodh ar a mheathu seo coigheas roimh bhreith na nuan, agus leanadh ar aghaidh leis ar feadh mi in dhiaidh breith. I bfomhar na bliana sin rinneadh socru le monarcan Pharaig O' Nuallain i mBaile Atha Cliath uain a cheannacht, agus cuireadh suas 500 uan. Le feabhas a chur ar an sceal thug an tAire, Cathal O' hEachaidh T.D. foirdheontas 10/- an tuan doibh ar uain fhireanna a dioladh. Lean an sceim seo ar aghaidh sa gceantar go dti 1972 a gus ina dhiaidh sin leanadh ar aghaidh e i gceantar Dhuiche Sheoigheach.

I 1968 ceannaiodh inneal le turnapai a chur agus cuireadh thart ar 10 nacrai leo chun an huain a reamhru. Ceannaiodh coirce o fheirmeoiri i gCo na Gaillimhe, agus min bhiatas o Chomlucht Siucra Eireann i dTuaim.

Rinneadh socru trid an N.F.A. lann a dhiol direach le comhlucht in Albain agus é grádaithe. Ar an olann a bfearr fuarathas dha oiread an phraghas a bhi le fail san ait, agus ar an mean bhi a praghas 33% nios airde.

I 1969 bhi dian staidear ar siul ar an mbealach a bfearr na Caoirigh Baineanna a bheathu sa gcaoi go mbeadh neart bainne acu do huain. Fuarthas amach da gcaithfi 10/- ar bheathu go mbeadh £5 sa mbreis le fail ar an uan.

In 1971 bunadh Cumann Chaoirigh Shleibhe Mhaigheo agus Chonamara, thog siad curam an teasbainteas agus athriu a chuig an marglann i gCathair na Mairt, ait ina bhfuil se ar siul i gconai. Maidir leis an Chumann Chaoirigh Shleibhe bhi an oireadh oibre are siul ag dailiu beathu beithe agus caoirigh, leasu agus aol comh maith le eagru margaiocht do uan agus caoirigh, socrui Comhar Chumann a bhunadh leis on obair a dheandh.

COMHAR CHUMANN TUAR MHIC EADAIGH

Bunadh an Comhar Chumann in 1970 agus é mar cuspoir acu leanu ar aghaidh leis an obair a bhiodh a dheanamh ag an gCumann Chaoirigh Shleibhe. Bhi Tomas O' Tuathail mar Cathairleach, Tomas O' hEanachain O.S. an tSraith mar Runai agus Tomas O' Muineachain as Gortfee mar Chisteor. Tareis cupla blian cinneadh an Comhar Chumann a leithnu amach agus dul i gcomhar le muintir Chonamara thuaidh le Comhar Chumann Dhuche Sheoigheach a bhunadh. Bhi Tomas O hEanachain mar Cathairleach ar an gComhar Chumann seo agus ceapadh Eamon O' Cuiv mar bhainisteoir air. Tá sar oibre deanta ag an gcomhar Chumann seo.

Pictured at the official opening of the new clubhouse and pitch in Tourmakeady were: Michael John Casey, PRO Tourmakeady; Tom Connaughton, chairman Connaught Council; Kevin Toole, Tourmakeady grounds committee; Pat Naughton, supervisor of the development, Fr. Noel Forde, chairman Tourmakeady GAA Club, Paddy Muldoon, chairman Mayo Co. Board; Ger Whyte, secretary Kerry GAA Board; Sean Feeney, secretary West Mayo GAA Board; Tom Heneghan and Vincent Hennelly, members of the Tourmakeady committee.

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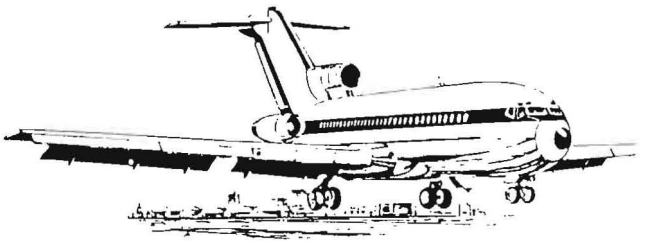

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TOURMAKEADY WOMAN IS 100-YEARS-OLD

One-hundred-years old Mrs. Mary Lally from Tawnagh, Srah, Tourmakeady had the birthday of a lifetime.

The centenarian celebrated the occasion with a special Mass in her home with her family, neighbours and friends.

Her son John and his family travelled from Chicago for the occasion. She has another son, Mattie in the U.S.

Fr. Benny McHale, C.C. Tourmakeady who celebrated the Mass later handed over the 'President's Cheque' to a healthy Mrs. Lally.

Still in very good health with an excellent memory, Mrs. Lally greeted the well-wishers who called with birthday greetings.

She is pictured above by Frank Dolan with her son and Fr. Benny McHale.

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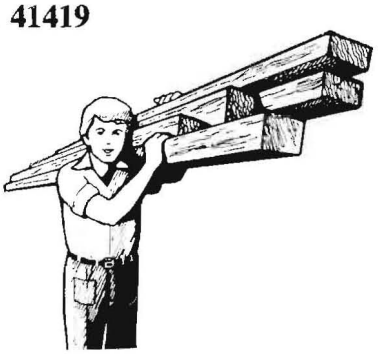

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Nuair a cuireadh an coiste ar bun ar dtús ba é an cineál coiste a bhí ann ná ionadaithe ó na coisti éagsula a bhí ag abair san áit agus bhí an ceantar go leir ó Dhoire Easa go Mám Trasna faoina chúram ach i 1975 scar Coiste Thuar Mhic Eádaigh agus Coiste Choill an tSidheáin le-chéile agus ta an peire acu ag feidhmiú leo feín ó shin.

I 1975 cuireadh toghachán ar siúl i dTuar Mhic Eadaigh agus toghadh an coiste ansin. Ceantar Scoile na Sraithe agus Ceantar Scoil Thrianláir ata faoi chúram an choiste seo anois. Bíonn toghachán ann gach cuig bhliana nó mar sin agus bhi an toghachan ann i mbliana arís don choiste.

Siad an baill a toghadh ná — i gceantar na sraithe Tomas O hÉanacháin, Padraig Ó Ciobúin, Tomas P. O hÉanachain agus Liam O Maolalla agus i gceantar thrianlair Sean O Conghaile, Tomás O Tuathail, Seán O Maolchaoin, Caoimhín Ó Tuathail, Seán de Búrca agus Tomás O Máille.

Comhthoghadh na baill so a leanas Bríd Bean Uí Éanacháin, An t-Ath De Bhaldraithe S.P., An t-Ath Mac Eil S.C., an tAth O Grogáin S.C., An Dr. Ó Raghallaigh, Seosamh O Maolrúnaigh agus Tomás O Gairbhi.

Siad na h-oifigigh atá ann faoi láthair ná cathaoirleach, Sean Ó Conghaile; leas-chathaoirleach, Tomás Ó Tuathail; rúnaí, Tomás Ó hÉanacháin; cisteoir, Bríd Bean Uí Éanacháin.

Bhí an coiste pairteach i gComortas Pobail Údaras na Gaeltachta, ón tús i 1974 agus tá ceithre dhuais (£10,000 ar fad) buaite acu o shín. Is ábhar mór bróid é seo don choiste agus don áit agus ta creidiúint mhór ag dul do na h-oifigigh agus na baill as a gcuid oibre.

Bhí se gníomach i ngach aon fhorbairt a bhi ar siúl san áit agus d'eirigh leis go leor a chur i gcíoch. Imeasc na radai so bhí.

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6. Cabhru le eagrú coirmeacha ceiol feiseann rauganna agus léachtai.
7. Cabhru le eagrú oideachais d'fheilmeirí agus le roint cuid den talamh sléibhe.
8. Bru ar au gComhairle Coutae agus Rnna stait le boithre agus seirbhisi au cheantair a fheabhsa — e.g. Droichead Dhoiré mhor Droichead — la leithras poibli.
9. Scéim tithe a thógáil.
10. Iarrachtai le tionscail nua a bhunú.
11. An seirbhís teileafón a fheabhsú.
12. Cabhru le coiste na sean ndaoine.
13. Cabhrú le eagru naí scoile agus ranganna Gaeilge.
14. Cabhru le bailiu seanscealta agus amhráin sna scoileanna.
15. Cabhru le musaem beag i Scoil na Sraithe.
16. Iarrachtai le plean don cheantar a réiteach.

Ta go leor oibre le déanamh ag an gcoiste fós agus beidh cúram mhor air san am le theacht le tuilleadh oibre a chur ar fáil, an talmhaíocht a fheabhsú, slacht a chur ar an gceantar, an Ghaeilge agus cultúr na h-Eireann a chaomhnú anso agus féachaint chuige go bhfaighidh muintir na h-áile a gcearta Ó rialtaisí agus udaráis agus "dúiche seo ár sinsear" a bheith faoi mheas agus faoi ard réim arís.

Tomás o hEanacháin

Old Folks Committee

The Old Folks Committee was initiated in 1970. The instigators were Fr. Kilgallon and Tomás O'Toole. The idea and the motivation of the club was to provide entertainment and a meeting place for our senior citizens.

Each year an annual supper is held in the local hall, usually in May. It commences with the celebration of Mass and afterwards are served. A sit-down supper is later provided and afterwards the floor is cleared for dancing. We are fortunate to have many talented guests whose contributions greatly add to the night's entertainment. A word of gratitude must go to Brose Walsh and his band who never let us down.

When the party is over the guests are taken home to their doors by our great team of volunteers. Great credit is due to all those who help in preparing and organising for this function. The funds for this venture are raised from functions like cake sales and socials held during the year.

Seasonal greetings are extended to all our guests and we look forward to seeing them in '88.

Present officers of the club are: president, Carmel Garvey; secretary, Betty Bourke; treasurer, Rose Mulqueen.

• **BETTY BOURKE (Secretary)**

Pat Gibbons, Mattie Heneghan, Sean Barker, Sean Lally, Tomas O Eanachain, Frank Lally, Tomas O'Toole, with Mr. Charles Haughey, then Minister for Agriculture in 1966.

CLUB NA mBAN

Bhain me féin an-taithneamh as imeachtai Club na mBan don bhliain '86-'87. Tá súil agam go bfhuil an rud céanna le rá ag na mná eile! We began in health awareness week with a talk on health matters from Dr. K. O'Reilly. The smokers in our midst had a quick puff before he came but resolved to quit after hearing some of the things he had to say.

Each Wednesday night at 8 o'clock Ann Barker helped us along the road to better health with her keep fit class. Some of us struggled more than others but all felt better afterwards. After expending all that energy, we needed food, delicious recipes were demonstrated by Caroline Cagnoli — Bhaineamar an taithneamh as an mbliain!

Before Christmas Kay Tracey, Ballinrobe, gave us some good ideas for icing and decorating Christmas cakes. Almond paste oranges, bananas and fruits of unknown species abounded. A local woman, Mary McCusker, showed us how to dry flowers and make some beautiful pictues. Our efforts did not quite reach her artistic standards but we enjoyed trying.

Peggy Powers' patchwork class culiminated in a beautiful bedspread which was raffled and the funds were donated to the hall committee.

We also tried painting on cloth which was demonstrated on 'Live at 3' recently. Derek Davis is only trotting after us. Perhaps we should have invited him to our keep fit class! I don't think he would have been fit for our Irish set classes under the supervision of Gearóid Mulrooney.

Tar éis na ranga eaclaíocha agus damhsa bhi sé éascái caint linn. We finish our year's activities with a very enjoyable night in the Red Door, Ballinrobe. Bhí togha gach bia agus rogha gach dí le fáil an ainm. Ba mahith linn ár míle bhuiodhas a afabháill leis na daoine a chabliraigh linn. It is a great tribute to our community that all the contributors (except one) came from our parish.

Our deepest thanks to them for sharing their talents with us.

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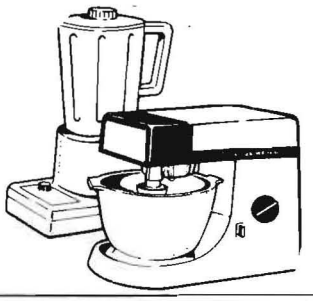

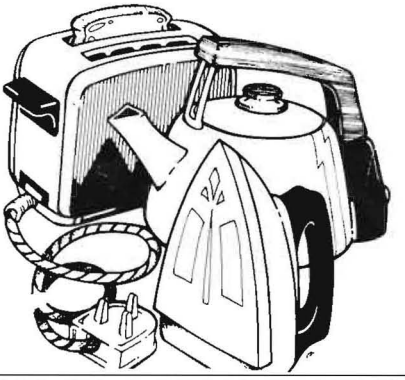

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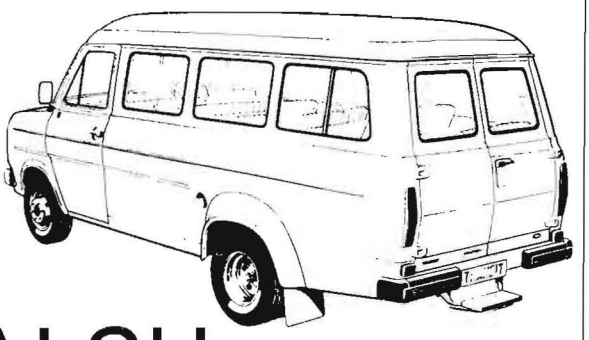

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TURAS AR AN TALAMH NAOFA

Le gairid d'fhág dhá réag o bhruach Loch Measca le dhul ar thuras agus siúl ar na h-aitieacha céanna ar shiúil Iosa Críost orthu sa Tír Naofa. B'iontach an ócáid é don dream a bhí páirteach ann. Meireach An t-Athair Mac Éil, S.C., ní dócha go mbeadh éinne againn ag smaoineamh ar thabhairt faoin turas.

Ócáid an-mhór, an-speisialta ba ea é agus is deacair cur síos ar an gcaoi a ndeachaigh sé i bhfeidhm ar na daoine a bhí ar an Turas. Seo iad a leanas na daoine as an áit seo a chuaigh ann — An tSiúr Ciarán, An tSiúr Colmán, An tSiúr Clár agus An tSiúr Martina ó Coláiste Muire. Antoine agus Bríd Ní Thiománaí, Una Bn Uí Riain, Nóirín Bean Uí Mhaoldhomhnaigh, Gráinne Ní Mhaolchaoin, Micheal S. Ó Cathasaigh agus Tomás Ó hEanacháin agus an grúpa go leir faoi stiúir an Athar Benny.

D'fhágamar Tuar Mhic Eadaigh go mall san oíche Déardaoin an 20ú de Dheireadh Fomhair agus thuirling muid in Aerfort Tel Aviv ar an dó a chlog De h-Aoine an 21ú la.

Ón nóiméad sin ar aghaidh bhí an grúpa in Éireacht le tríocha duine eile, ag taisteal i gcóiste ar fud na tíre. D'fhéadfa taisteal a thabhairt air! Tugadh cuairt ar chúig no sé d'aiteacha éagsúla gach lá.

Bhíomar in ár suigh go moch ar maidin agus tar eis bricfeasta Iúdach (rogha de fiche cineal Bia — o uibheacha go h-ológa) bhíomar ar an mbus. Ar dtús thug muid aghaidh ar Ghailili Bhíomar an chéad oíche i Netanya, As sin go dtí Céasarca Philipí — ceannceathrú na Rómhánach in aimsir Chríost. Chonaiceamar iarsmaí Romhánacha agus tuilleadh iarsmaí ó aimsir na gCrosáidí. As sin of thuaidh linn trid na míle crann torthaí. oráistí líomoidí agus banannaí — a thuaidh go Haifa - príomh chalafort na tíre agus chuig mainistir cáiliúil Cnoc Charmel.

Ar aghaidh linn ansin go dtí ceann de na h-aiteacha is beannaithe sa domhan — Baile Nasaret. Cheiliur muid aifreann ar an spota a raibh teach an Tealhlaigh Naofa. Ba é seo ceann de "highlights" an turais. Thug muid cuairt ar Chana áit a ndearna Iosa a chead mhíorúilt. Chuamar ansin go Tiberias ar Mhuir Ghaililí áit ar chaitheamar dhá oíche. La arna mhárach chuaigh muid trasna an locha, áit ar chiúnagh Iosa an stoirm, go Capernám mar a raibh Iosa ag

Mayo group pictured in the Holy Land in October, 1987

Turas ar an Talamh Naofa

teagasc ar feadh trí bliana. Tá sionagóg ón gcéad aois anseo. Chonaic muid an méid a bhí fagtha de theach Naomh Peadar. D'eist muid Aifreann an la sin ar an gCnoc ar thug Íosa na h-Ocht mBeannathtai. As sin chuaigh muid thart ar an loch go dtí Abhainn na Iordáine agus san áit sin rinneamar athnuachan ar ár ngeallúintí Baistí.

D'fhag muid slan ag Gaelili agus thugamar aghaidh ar Iarúsailéinn trid ghleann na h-Iordaine an bealach ar shiúil Iosa air. Chuaigh muid tríd an bhfásach agus chonaic muid aoirí agus a gcuid caorach dhá leanúint. Bhí muid i gcathair Jearcho (Jericho) agus bhí Aifreann iontach speisialta againn in Eammaus. D'fhan muid an chuid eile den am in Ostan Shalom i gCathair Iarúsailéim.

Ar éigean atá áit sa domhan cosúil le Iarusailéim. Tá an oiread sin aiteacha Naofa ann — Cnoc Chalbharí Gairdin Gheirseiminé. Cnoc na n-Ológ (Olives). Seomra an tSuipeir Dheireannaigh, Tuamba Iosa Crióst. Tá ann freisin áiteacha beannaithe na h-Iúdach agus na Muslamach — Balla an Chaointe (Wailing Wall), Cruinneahán na Carraige (Dome of the Rock) agus 11 iomad ionad eile.

Thugamar cuairt ar aiteacha eile taobh amuigh de Iarúsaileem. Bhíomar i mBeithil agus d'éisteamar aifreann i bPluais na nAoirí. Chonaic muid an áit ar rugadh an Leanbh Iosa. Chuaigh muid go dti baile dhuchais Naomh Eoin Baiste agus go teach Mhaire, Martha agus Lasaruis.

Bhíomar ag snamh sa Muir Mharbh agus chuaigh muid suas ar láthair stairiúil 'Massada'.

Ni feidir cur síos shasiúl a thabhairt in alt-ghearr mar seo ar gach a bhfacamar agus a mhothaíomar ar an turas iontach seo.

EXPERIENCE

It is virtually impossible to do justice to this wonderful educational and spiritual experience. Having walked in the places where Jesus walked and seen the places where he was born and preached and performed miracles and suffered and died, it gives a deeper insight to the Scriptures. Visiting places like Nazareth, The Sea of Galilee and Bethelem, praying on Calvary and in the Garden of Gethsemane gives a new and vital dimension to one's faith.

It is an enlightening experience also to see the State of Israel as it is today with its co-operative farms, "Kibbutzim", modern cities like Tel Aviv and modern Jerusalem side by side with the ageless city of old Jerusalem, with its old city wall and teeming market places, and Bedouin tribesmen with their sheep and goats. There are many different peoples — Jews, Arabs, Armenians, Sarmaritans and many others. The three great world religions — Christianity, Moslem and Judaism — have the closest connection with this land and all have their churches, mosques, synagogues and places of worship. The determination of the Jews to develop and defend their country and their pride in their institutions is a great example to us all. The business and marketing skills of the traders is something worth seeing.

However, as this was a pilgrimage, the most important and precious memories are of prayer, Masses, renewing of Baptismal promises and marriage promises and a spirit of kindness and Christian love for each other. It was a most beneficial exercise for all of us; it deepened our faith and our understanding of the Scriptures. I would strongly advise anyone who has the opportunity to visit the Holy Land to do so. It would be an unforgettable experience.

Much of the credit for the success of the trip was due to Fr. Benny McHale, C.C., to his unceasing efforts to make it an inspiring spiritual experience and also his attention to the organisation of the pilgrimage. I hope that this has whetted your appetite and I leave you with the Jewish blessing.

"Until next year in Jerusalem."

• TOMÁS P. O O h-ÉANACHÁIN

Mattie Hughes, captain, Tourmakeady senior team in 1983, receives the Roche Cup after the team won the London tournament in November of that year.

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